

CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON
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Community Garden Contract

Rules, Terms, and Conditions for Participation

Introduction

- *The Mayor is the highest governing authority at the City of New Carrollton Community Garden.*
- *Breaking any rules, terms, and conditions is cause for exclusion from the garden and loss of your plot.*

1. You will receive one verbal warning from the Garden Manager.
2. If no response or correction has been made, you will receive written notice two weeks later.
3. In another two weeks, if no response or correction has been made, you will receive written final notification that you have forfeited your gardening privileges and plot.
4. You will be allowed to reapply for another garden plot only after one year, and only at the discretion of the Garden Manager.

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If accepted as a gardener, I will abide by the following rules, terms, and conditions:

1. I use this garden at the sole discretion of the City of New Carrollton. I agree to abide by its policies and practices.
2. The fee for the use of the garden is **\$35.00 per plot**, per growing year (March 1 – October 15), due on or before April 30. A clean-up deposit of \$25.00 is required before the plot can be assigned. The clean-up deposit will be returned at the end of the growing season, after you have removed all of your plants and cleaned your plot, or it may be applied to the next year's growing season.
3. Once I have been assigned a plot, I will cultivate and plant it by May 30th. I will garden and maintain it all season long. My plot cannot be left fallow or unused for any period of three weeks or longer, more than one time a year.
4. I will notify the Garden Manager immediately if I am no longer able to maintain my plot.
5. Each gardener may be allowed to have more than one plot if supply permits.
5. If I now have more than one plot, I will give up my additional plots by the end of this gardening year (December 31).
6. I will not plant any illegal plants. I will not smoke, drink alcoholic beverages, use illegal drugs, or gamble in the garden. I will not come to the garden while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs. I will not bring weapons or pets or other animals to the garden.
7. Guests and visitors, including children, may enter the garden only if I accompany them. They must follow all rules, terms, and conditions stated here. I will supervise my children at all times when they are in the garden. I am solely responsible for the behavior of my guests.
8. The garden manager may assign me general garden maintenance tasks each month, and I must complete them by the end of the month that I am assigned them.

9. I will attend the regular community garden meetings. If workshops are offered, I will attend at least one on each of the following topics: soil preparation and maintenance, watering the vegetable garden, and pest and disease control.
10. I understand that this is an organic garden and will **not use herbicides, insecticides, or non-conforming weed killers**. Additionally, I will not use kitchen compost because of potential pest problems.
11. I understand that the City is supplying water free of charge and I will try to conserve water by using mulch to reduce evaporation. I will water only within my plot and not allow watering outside of my plot.
12. I understand that the water is for watering my garden only and should not be used for drinking, bathing, or any other purpose.
12. My plot is (12 x 4) feet. I will not expand my plot beyond this measurement or into paths or other plots. I will keep all my plants within the limits of my garden plot and will not allow any plants to grow more than six feet high. I must keep my plot free of weeds, pests and diseases.
13. I will dispose of weeds and plant materials in the designated compost area only.
14. I will keep my plot, paths, and surrounding areas clean and neat. I will completely separate my trash into three groups: 1) dead plants, leaves, and other green waste plant parts; 2) rocks, stones, and asphalt; and 3) paper, plastic, cardboard, wood, metal, etc. I will put each type of trash only in the areas designated specifically for each. Anything I bring from my home I will take back home. I will not bring household trash and leave it at the City of New Carrollton Community Garden.
15. I understand that every growing year I will be given a new lock combination for the Garden's gates. I will keep this combination to myself and I will not give the lock combination to any other person.
16. I will not take food or plants from other gardeners' plots. I will not take anything from the garden that is not rightfully mine.
17. I will respect other gardeners, and I will not use abusive or profane language or discriminate against others.
18. I will work to keep the garden a happy, secure, and enjoyable place where all participants can garden and socialize peacefully in a neighborly manner.
19. I understand that the garden is open from dawn to dusk seven days a week. I will keep gates closed at all times and take responsibility for the safety of the garden.
21. I have read and signed the Release of claims form.
22. I understand that any violation of the rules listed above may lead to my immediate expulsion from the City of New Carrollton Community Garden at the discretion of the Mayor or their designee, and forfeiture of my deposit.

Commitment

I have read and understand the application and accept these rules, terms, and conditions stated above for the participation in the City of New Carrollton Community Garden.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Gardener

Approved: _____ Date: _____
Garden Manager